



All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) & Utility Vehicles (UTVs)

Where You May Ride Within Ozark National Scenic Riverways

If you have a county permit and abide by Missouri State motor vehicle regulations, you may ride ATVs & UTVs for recreational purposes on county-owned roads within the park. County roads are designated by green road signs. You may also contact the local County Clerk's office for an official county road map.

If a road does not appear to be a well-maintained road that could accommodate a full-sized vehicle it is closed to ATVs & UTVs. If you are in doubt, please contact the park before riding on questionable roads.

Where You May Not Ride

ATVs & UTVs are not permitted:

- on any closed road,
- on any service road, power line right-of-way or campground road,
- in the river (unless at an approved river crossing and then only to cross and continue on),
- on gravel bars or beaches,
- on state highways,
- off established roads,
- on any park-owned roads.

Please Tread Lightly

- Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted.
- Respect the rights of hikers, floaters, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.
- Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owner's permission to cross private property.
- To reduce pollution and erosion, do not travel in streams, meadows, or on muddy roads and trails.
- Avoid wildlife and livestock.
- Drive responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities for future users.

Safety First!

Remember, you can ride an ATV farther in an hour than you can walk in a day. Even if you are only planning a short ride, take along a first aid kit, water, snacks and tools such as a tire pump, patch kit, tow strap, etc. A simple tool may prevent a long walk!

County roads within the park are shared by hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, cars, and trucks. Please respect other users, use caution and be courteous when encountering others.

Regulations

Ozark National Scenic Riverways enforces all Missouri State motor vehicle regulations (MO Statutes 304.013, 307.198, & 301.705) and federal regulations governing ATV use. These regulations are summarized below:

1. Counties may issue special permits to licensed drivers for special uses of ATVs on county roads.
2. ATVs may not be operated on State highways.
3. The vehicle operator must have a valid driver's license. Drivers under age 16 with a learning permit must be directly supervised by an authorized adult.
4. Persons under 18 years of age must wear an approved motorcycle helmet.
5. ATVs in Missouri must be registered with a State registration decal attached to the right front fork or frame and have a county permit for that county.

6. No ATV operator is allowed to carry passengers unless the machine has been specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry more than one person.
7. ATVs cannot be operated within any stream or river, except at designated fords.
8. Every ATV must be equipped with:
 - an adequate muffler system and an approved spark arrester,
 - a good operating brake system,
 - a slow-moving equipment emblem mounted on the rear of the ATV at least two feet above the roadway,
 - a safety flag attached to the rear of the vehicle extending at least seven feet above the ground, and
 - lighted headlamp and tail lamp.

*Operating an ATV on any park-owned road is prohibited as listed in 36 CFR, Section 4.10 (a).

NOTE: Utility vehicles (Mules/Rangers/Gaters) do not require the safety flag or triangle. The operator must have a valid driver's license and county permit stickers are required for those wishing to operate the UTV on county roads (MO Statue 304.032).